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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION REPORT. AN ASSESSMENT OF
THE ~~POTENTIAL~~ TERRORIST THREAT TO SECRETARY
KISSINGER IN ARGENTINA AS OF 16 APRIL 1975

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SUMMARY. THERE ARE TWO ARGENTINE TERRORIST GROUPS WHICH ARE

JUDGED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT CAPABILITY TO ATTEMPT TO UNDERTAKE A

DIRECT PHYSICAL ATTACK ON U.S. SECRETARY ~~SECRET~~ HENRY
KISSINGER DURING HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO ARGENTINA. THESE ARE

THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) AND THE MONTONEROS. WHILE
BOTH ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE SOME ACTION, INCLUDING
POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANT ACTS OF TERRORISM, IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT

EITHER WILL ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT A DIRECT ATTACK AGAINST DR.

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KISSINGER, THESE TWO GROUPS, EITHER INDEPENDENTLY OR IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY TRY TO ORGANIZE LIGHTNING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND WILL PROBABLY ENGAGE IN BOMBING ATTACKS AND OTHER ACTS OF THIS NATURE IN AN EFFORT TO EMBARRASS THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE AND POSSIBLY DISRUPT HIS VISIT. LEFTIST, NON-TERRORIST GROUPS IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, MAY ALSO ATTEMPT TO PROTEST DR. KISSINGER'S PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY WITH SMALL STREET DEMONSTRATIONS, PUBLICATION OF PAMPHLETS, WALL PAINTINGS, ETC. HOWEVER, ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES ARE PREPARED TO USE WHATEVER MANPOWER IS REQUIRED TO CONTROL THE STREETS AND THEY CAN BE EXPECTED TO KEEP STREET AGITATION TO A NUISANCE LEVEL. END SUMMARY.

1. TWO ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS ARE JUDGED TO HAVE THE WEAPONRY, MANPOWER, TRAINING, DETERMINATION AND SUPPORT MECHANISMS TO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING A DIRECT, PHYSICAL ATTACK AGAINST U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER DURING HIS VISIT TO ARGENTINA FROM 23 TO 25 APRIL 1975. THESE ARE THE ERP, A MARXIST ORGANIZATION OF TROTSKYIST BACKGROUND, WHICH IS THE MILITARY ARM OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS' PARTY (PRT); AND THE MONTONEROS, A MARXIST/SOCIALIST GROUP A LEFT-WING

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2. THE MONTONEROS HAVE EFFECTIVELY DEMONSTRATED A HIGH CAPABILITY FOR PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS INVOLVING ABDUCTIONS AND ASSASSINATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE AGAINST WELL-PROTECTED TARGETS. THE ASSASSINATION OF FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF ALBERTO V I L L A R ON 1 NOVEMBER 1974 WAS AN EXAMPLE OF MONTONERO PROFICIENCY IN THIS REGARD. THE MONTONEROS ARE NOTED FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM IN PLANNING AND EXECUTING TERRORIST OPERATIONS, WHICH ALWAYS APPEAR TO BE BASED ON EXCELLENT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE MONTONEROS HAVE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT PENETRATED AT MOST LEVELS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THEIR PAST PERONIST AFFILIATION AND A PRESUMED HIGH NUMBER OF CURRENT SYMPATHIZERS WITHIN GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. WHILE THE MONTONEROS HAVE PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT HIGH RISK OPERATIONS IN THE PAST, IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THEY WILL UNDERTAKE AN OPERATION IF THE RISKS ARE JUDGED TO BE UNACCEPTABLE FROM A SECURITY STANDPOINT. IN ADDITION, MILITARY

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OPERATIONS OF THE MONTONEROS ARE SUBORDINATE TO THEIR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.

3. [REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS CONSIDERED, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY REJECTED, AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS STAY IN ARGENTINA. THE ALLEGED REASONING FOR REJECTING THIS COURSE OF ACTION WAS THE BELIEF THAT IT WOULD TURN OUT TO BE POLITICALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR THE MONTONEROS. IF THIS WERE THE CASE, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE HIGH RISK INVOLVED IN SUCH AN UNDERTAKING WAS ALSO A FACTOR WHICH WAS CONSIDERED. [REDACTED] ALLEGED THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE MONTONEROS AND THE ERP TO DIVIDE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTESTING THE SCHEDULED VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND CHILEAN PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T, WHO IS DUE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA M A R T I N E Z DE PERON IN BARILOCHE ON 18 APRIL. [REDACTED]

THE MONTONERS WERE SELECTED TO PROTEST THE KISSINGER VISIT, WHILE THE ERP WAS GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY TO REPUDIATE PINOCHET'S ARRIVAL. THIS IS CREDIBLE FOR TWO REASONS: A) THE ERP HAS SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES RECENTLY THROUGH POLICE RAIDS AGAINST ITS REGIONAL ORGANIZATION IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THESE RAIDS

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UNCOVERED MEMBERSHIP LISTS, SAFE SITE AND MEETING LOCATIONS, AND OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO THE FUNCTIONING OF A CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION. [REDACTED] THE RAIDS HAVE EFFECTIVELY DISRUPTED THE SUPPORT MECHANISM OF THE ERP IN BUENOS AIRES AND HAVE GREATLY HINDERED THE CAPABILITY OF THE ERP TO MOUNT SIGNIFICANT TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA FOR THE TIME BEING. 2) A CHILEAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), IS PART OF THE ERP-SPONSORED REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING COMMITTEE, A GROUP FORMED TO COORDINATE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHERN CONE OF LATIN AMERICA. THE ERP WOULD PROBABLY BE VERY WILLING TO UNDERTAKE TERRORIST ACTION TO REPUDIATE PINOCHET'S VISIT AS A FRATERNAL GESTURE TO ITS CHILEAN TERRORIST ASSOCIATE, THE MIR. BECAUSE OF THE ALLEGED U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE OVERTHROW OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT IN CHILE IN 1973, THE ERP MIGHT FEEL OBLIGATED TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO PROTEST KISSINGER'S VISIT, EVEN IF AN AGREEMENT EXISTS TO GIVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS TO THE MONTONEROS. IN THIS EVENTUALITY, THE PRT/ERP COULD BE EXPECTED TO USE ITS SEMI-LEGAL FRONT GROUPS IN BUENOS AIRES TO PARTICIPATE IN LIGHTNING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER

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4. IF, [REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS HAVE REJECTED ANY
CONSIDERATION OF A DIRECT ATTACK AGAINST DR. KISSINGER, THEIR
FOCUS WOULD LIKELY BE DIRECTED TOWARD A TERRORIST INCIDENT
WHICH WOULD HAVE HIGH IMPACT AND WHICH COULD HAVE REVERBERA-
TIONS AT A SUFFICIENT LEVEL TO DISRUPT OR DETRACT FROM THE
SUCCESS OF HIS VISIT. [REDACTED] THE
POSSIBILITY OF AN ABDUCTION/ASSASSINATION OPERATION AGAINST
A U.S. OFFICIAL IN BUENOS AIRES, SIMILAR TO THAT CARRIED OUT
BY THE MONTONEROS IN FEBRUARY 1975 AGAINST U.S. CONSULAR AGENT

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JOHN PATRICK EGAN, THIS IS A THREAT WHICH CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RECENT MONTONERO TERRORIST HISTORY, BUT THE MONTONEROS MAY ALSO REJECT THIS PATH, AGAIN FOR THE POSSIBLE REASON THAT THEY MIGHT CONSIDER IT TO BE POLITICALLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AT A TIME WHEN INTERNATIONAL FOCUS WILL BE ON ARGENTINA, OTHER POSSIBLE TERRORIST ALTERNATIVES FOR THE MONTONEROS COULD INCLUDE BOMBING OR ROCKET ATTACKS AGAINST THE U.S. EMBASSY BUILDING OR RESIDENCE. BOTH ACTIONS COULD GIVE THE MONTONEROS THE PUBLICITY THEY SEEK AND WOULD HELP DETRACT FROM THE SUCCESS OF DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT WITHOUT THE RISKS THAT OTHER, MORE INVOLVED OPERATIONS MIGHT ENTAIL.

5. LEFTIST, NON-TERRORIST ARGENTINE GROUPS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ARGENTINA (PCA) CAN BE EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT TO PROTEST SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT WITH LIGHTNING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS, PUBLICATION OF ANTI-U.S., ANTI-KISSINGER PAMPHLETS, WALL PAINTING AND FIRE BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. BUSINESSES IN BUENOS AIRES. SUCH ACTIONS COULD BE COORDINATED WITH THE MONTONEROS AND/OR THE PRT/ERP FRONT GROUPS OR COULD BE CARRIED OUT INDEPENDENTLY. THE ISSUES OF CHILE, INDOCHINA, CUBA AND THE U.S. TRADE BILL

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COULD BE USED AS OSTENSIBLE PRETEXTS FOR THE LEFTIST FORCES
TO MOBILIZE YOUTH AND STUDENTS FOR THESE ANTI-U.S. PROTESTS.

6. ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES ARE PREPARED TO USE WHATEVER
MANPOWER IS REQUIRED TO CONTROL THE STREETS OF BUENOS AIRES
DURING THE VISIT BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, AND IT IS
EXPECTED THAT THE SECURITY FORCES CAN KEEP STREET AGITATION
DOWN TO A NUISANCE LEVEL. THE FEDERAL POLICE ARE EXPERIENCED
IN PROVIDING PROTECTION TO VISITING DIGNITARIES AND LOCAL
OFFICIALS, AND FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS HAVE
VOICED CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPABILITY OF THE POLICE TO PROVIDE
ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO DR. KISSINGER DURING A BRIEF VISIT TO
ARGENTINA. DR. KISSINGER'S MOVEMENTS IN ARGENTINA WILL BE
FOLLOWED WITH MASSIVE POLICE FORCES. SINCE THE MAJOR TERRORIST
GROUPS IN ARGENTINA ACT CLANDESTINELY AND ARE ARRESTED OR
CAPTURED ON SIGHT, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT
UNDERTAKE WIDESPREAD PREVENTIVE DETENTION OF KNOWN LEFTISTS
PRIOR TO DR. KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL.

7. ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES WILL PROBABLY INSIST UPON
MINIMUM PUBLIC EXPOSURE FOR DR. KISSINGER DURING HIS STAY IN
ARGENTINA, BECAUSE OF THE LATE HOUR OF HIS ARRIVAL IN BUENOS

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AIRES, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT CROWD CONTROL WILL PRESENT MUCH OF A PROBLEM AT THE AIRPORT, IN VIEW OF THE EARLY HOUR OF HIS DEPARTURE ON 25 APRIL, AIRPORT CROWD CONTROL WILL AGAIN PRESENT MINIMAL DIFFICULTIES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ONLY A FEW LOCAL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ON HAND FOR DR. KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AT EZEIZA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE MAJORITY OF THE PRESS WILL PROBABLY GREET DR. KISSINGER AT AEROPARQUE AIRPORT, WHERE DR. KISSINGER WILL BE TAKEN BY HELICOPTER OR PRESIDENTIAL PLANE FROM EZEIZA.

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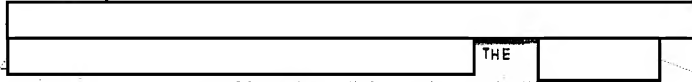
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MOVEMENT (MLN-TUPAMAROS) IN ARGENTINA AND~~

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SUMMARY:



BREACH IN THE MLN IN ARGENTINA MAY BE HEALING BECAUSE

BOTH FACTIONS SHARE A PRIME OBJECTIVE, OF SOMEHOW

SECURING THE RELEASE FROM PRISON OF AN IMPORTANT MLN
LEADER, GONZALEZ RETURNED CLANDESTINELY TO MONTEVIDEO

[REDACTED] PLANNING TO REMAIN INDEFINITELY AND

HELP DIRECT MLN ACTIVITIES IN URUGUAY. THE MLN MILITARY

CADRE IN ARGENTINA CONTINUES TO UNDERGO TRAINING, CHIEFLY

IN TUCUMAN. MLN MEMBERS, ALONG WITH ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN

GUERRILLAS, ARE TAKING COURSES ALLEGEDLY TAUGHT BY CUBAN

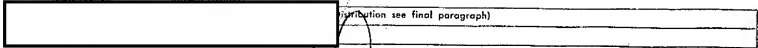
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INSTRUCTORS. THE PROLETARIAN FACTION WANTS TO

ACQUIRE IN MONTEVIDEO, PROSELYTIZE AMONG THE

WORKERS, AND MAKE CONTACT WITH ANY LEFTIST GROUPS WHICH

HAVE MANAGED TO RETAIN VESTIGES OF AN ORGANIZATION. THE

MLN IN MONTVIDEO DOES NOT NEED TO MOUNT FUNDING OPERATIONS

BECAUSE IT SUPPOSEDLY CAN GET WHATEVER MONEY IT NEEDS

FROM ARGENTINA. END SUMMARY.

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DISSENSION WITHIN THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT

(MLN-TUPAMAROS) IN ARGENTINA HAD LED TO THE FORMATION

OF TWO RIVAL FACTIONS, ONE FACTION, THE PROLETARIANS, CONSISTS

MAINLY OF YOUNGER MLN LEADERS WITH AN AFFINITY FOR THE

ARGENTINE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP),

THE SECOND FACTION,

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IS HEADED BY OLDER MLN LEADERS. THE

PROLETARIAN FACTION HAD TAKEN OVER THE MLN

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.)

2. AS RIVALRY BETWEEN THE PROLETARIAN AND "PETIT
BOURGEOIS" FACTIONS GREW, THE MLN DECIDED TO POSTPONE
ITS "SO-CALLED" THIRD MLN CONVENTION WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BE
HELD IN CUBA IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY. THE
"PETIT BOURGEOIS" FACTION BEGAN CALLING ITSELF "THE MICRO
ORGANIZATION," (THE MICRO), REMINISCENT OF A SPLINTER
GROUP WHICH BROKE OFF FROM THE MLN IN THE LATE 1960'S.
THE MICRO ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH AMONG MLN MEMBERS
IN SAN MARTIN, AN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX NEAR BUENOS AIRES,
AND CONTROLLED THE COMMITTEE OF FAMILIES OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS, AN MLN FRONT GROUP, THE MICRO INCLUDED
SEVERAL MLN LEADERS IN CUBA WITH CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE.

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3. BY LATE JANUARY 1975, PROLETARIAN LEADERS [REDACTED] HAD WON MOST OF THE SAN MARTIN MLN CONTINGENT AWAY FROM THE MICRO, HOWEVER, DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, DISSENSION BETWEEN THE FACTIONS PERSISTED TO THE POINT OF THREATENED VIOLENCE. BOTH SIDES ISSUED DECLARATIONS OF THEIR POSITIONS, CAUSING THE PROLETARIAN FACTION LEADERS TO WORRY THAT RANK-AND-FILE TUPAMAROS WOULD BECOME CONFUSED AND DEMORALIZED.

4. [REDACTED] WALTER G O N Z A L E Z DIAZ, ALIASES "TOMAS" AND "ABUSO", A PRINCIPAL PROLETARIAN LEADER, SAID THAT THE PROLETARIAN FACTION AND THE MICRO HAD HAD A RAPPROACHMENT AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE MICRO WOULD ANY LONGER BE A PROBLEM. THE RAPPROACHMENT WAS BASED ON THEIR COMMON GOAL OF SOMEHOW SECURING THE RELEASE FROM PRISON OF AN IMPORTANT MLN LEADER. THE MICRO TURNED THE COMMITTEE OF FAMILIES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, SOME 20 IMPORTANT CONTACTS IN EUROPE, SOME CADRE, AND MOST OF ITS FUNDS OVER TO THE MLN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

5. DESPITE ITS QUARREL WITH THE MICRO, THE PROLETARIAN FACTION, [REDACTED] WENT AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR: 1) INFILTRATING LEADERS BACK INTO URUGUAY FROM BUENOS AIRES, 2) BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE IN MONTEVIDEO, AND 3) PROSELYTIZING AMONG THE WORKING CLASS. ONE TACTIC UNDER CONSIDERATION WAS TO HAVE MLN MEMBERS BUY LAND IN A POOR DISTRICT AND BEGIN BUILDING A HOUSE ON IT. CUSTOMARILY IN SUCH CASES NEIGHBORS JOIN IN VOLUNTARILY TO HELP, AND THE MLN WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TO MEET AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE AT LOWER ECONOMIC LEVELS.

6. THE MLN MILITARY CADRE CONTINUED DURING THE EARLY PART OF 1975 TO TRAIN IN ARGENTINA, CHIEFLY IN TUCUMAN. SOME MLN MEMBERS HAVE BEEN KILLED THERE, BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN ENOUGH TO WORRY THE PROLETARIAN FACTION UNDULY. ACCORDING TO GONZALEZ, CUBAN INSTRUCTORS ARE OFFERING COURSES IN ARGENTINA FOR THE MLN, THE ERP, THE ARGENTINE MONTONEROS, AND CHILEAN GUERRILLAS. GONZALEZ DESCRIBED THE COURSES AS OFFERING A GOOD BASE IN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES OF ALL TYPES. COMMENT: THERE IS NO INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE THAT CUBAN NATIONALS ARE TRAINING LATIN AMERICAN GUERRILLAS IN ARGENTINA.)

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[] THE MLN HAD RECEIVED AN OVERTURE FROM THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCU) ABOUT FORMING A JOINT RESISTANCE FRONT. THE MLN WAS INITIALLY WILLING TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE PCU. THE MLN ALSO ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH ~~ZELMAR M I C H E L I N I~~ AND ~~ENRIQUE E R R O~~, LEFTIST URUGUAYAN EX-SENATORS IN EXILE IN ARGENTINA. THE PROLETARIAN FACTION WAS INTERESTED IN PINPOINTING AND MEETING WITH ANY LEFTIST GROUPS IN URUGUAY, OF WHATEVER ORIENTATION, WHICH STILL RETAINED A DEGREE OF ORGANIZATION.

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8. [] GONZALEZ RETURNED FROM BUENOS AIRES TO URUGUAY WHERE HE WAS PLANNING TO REMAIN INDEFINITELY, WORKING TO REORGANIZE THE HOME-BASED MLN.

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[] COMMENT: GONZALEZ IS A MUCH-WANTED MLN FUGITIVE WHO ESCAPED ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1971 FROM PUNTA CARRETAS PRISON IN MONTEVIDEO WITH 105 OTHER TUPAMAROS. HE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF MLN ACTIVITIES. TWO OTHER PROLETARIAN MLN LEADERS WERE ALSO TO RETURN TO URUGUAY FROM BUENOS AIRES, ONE OF THEM BEING ARGY

~~QUIROGA~~, ALIAS "PACO" AND "ELACO." []

COMMENT: []

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[] QUIROGA WAS CAPTURED [] WHILE TRYING TO ENTER URUGUAY AT THE PORT OF FRAY BENTOS []

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[] THE MLN CONTINGENT IN URUGUAY OPPOSED THE RETURN OF LEADERS OTHER THAN THESE THREE. []

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BECAUSE THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS STILL TOO FLIMSY TO PROVIDE FOR MORE. HOWEVER, GONZALEZ IS EXPECTING A LEADER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY (PRT) TO VISIT MONTEVIDEO AND ASSESS CONDITIONS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. [] COMMENT: []
[] USUALLY PRT WOULD MEAN THE ARGENTINE PRT, POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF WHICH THE ERP IS THE ARMED APPARATUS.

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HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT GONZALEZ IS EXPECTING AN URUGUAYAN WHO BELONGS TO THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE. THE MLN CREATED IN EARLY 1974 WHICH, AS OF MAY 1974, WAS CALLED THE REVOLUTIONARY LENINIST PARTY (PRL).

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THE MLN ORGANIZATIONAL SCHEME IS BELIEVED TO STILL BE LARGELY THEORETICAL, AND MLN MEMBERS PROBABLY SWITCH NAMES AND ACRONYMS AROUND FREQUENTLY.)

10. GONZALEZ ARRIVED USING FALSE ARGENTINE DOCUMENTS. HE FIRST STAYED IN A HOTEL ACQUIRED FOR HIM BY AN MLN CONTACT IN MONTEVIDEO. THEN HE MOVED TO A PRIVATE HOME, WHERE HE WAS AWAITING FALSE URUGUAYAN DOCUMENTS. GONZALEZ IS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING A SAFE SITE, WHICH WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR A "PEOPLE'S PRISON" AND ANOTHER TO SET UP A CLANDESTINE PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT. THE MLN IN MONTEVIDEO HAS A MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE BUT IF NECESSARY, WILL BRING A PHOTOCOPIER FROM ARGENTINA. GONZALEZ HAS INSTRUCTED THE MONTEVIDEO MLN CONTINGENT NOT TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONS TO ACQUIRE FUNDS. HE SAID THE MLN HAS RICH CONTACTS IN ARGENTINA WHO CAN BE PERSUADED TO PROVIDE AS MUCH AS 300 MILLION PESOS ON SHORT NOTICE. COMMENT: IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER GONZALEZ MEANT URUGUAYAN OR ARGENTINE PESOS. IF URUGUAYAN PESOS, THE EQUIVALENT SUM WOULD BE U.S. \$124,500; IF OLD ARGENTINE PESOS, THE EQUIVALENT WOULD BE U.S. \$100,000.) ACCORDING TO GONZALEZ, THE MLN WOULD SPEND ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY TO GET AN IMPORTANT MLN LEADER OUT OF PRISON AND HAS WONDERED ABOUT BRIBING SOME KEY URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

11. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL, GONZALEZ HAD A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH A CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHO IS NOW SERVING IN THE URUGUAYAN NAVY. THE FRIEND ASSURED GONZALEZ HE WOULD NOT TURN HIM IN. HE INVITED GONZALEZ HOME FOR A MEAL AND WARNED HIM AGAINST ENTERING CERTAIN PARTS OF THE CITY WHICH ARE HEAVILY PATROLLED BY THE POLICE OR THE ARMY. THE EPISODE MADE GONZALEZ EVEN MORE SECURITY CONSCIOUS, HE WANTS ALL MEETINGS SITES RECONNOITERED CAREFULLY BEFOREHAND AND IS WARY OF APPROACHES FROM

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OLD LMN MEMBERS. OUT OF FIVE ATTEMPTED CONTACTS, HE ESTIMATES
THREE ARE LIKELY TO BE GOVERNMENT SPIES. HE SUSPECTS THAT THE
AUTHORITIES ARE FREEING SOME INDIVIDUALS ON THE CONDITION THAT
THEY BECOME INFORMANTS.

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Political MATTERS -

COUNTRY : ARGENTINA/CHILE

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SUBJECT : ~~X~~ TERRORIST PLANS OF THE MONTONEROS TO PROTEST AND TRY TO FORCE THE CANCELLATION OF DR. KISSINGER'S TRIP TO ARGENTINA. ~~PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY~~ ERP/MONTONERO AGREEMENT TO PROTEST THE VISIT OF DR. KISSINGER AND GENERAL PINOCHET

SUMMARY,

THE

~~X~~ MONTONEROS, A MARXIST/SOCIALIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION OF

LEFT-WING PERONIST ORIENTATION, ARE PLANNING TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF TERRORISM AND TO ORGANIZE OTHER DISTURBANCES TO PROTEST THE

VISIT OF DR. HENRY ~~X~~ KISSINGER TO ARGENTINA.

MONTONEROS ARE ALSO CONSIDERING TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST U.S.

BUSINESS INTERESTS AND U.S. PERSONNEL AS A MEANS TO TRY TO FORCE THE

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CANCELLATION OF DR. KISSINGER'S PROJECTED TRIP. [REDACTED] EO25x1
A MEMBER OF A FORMER FACTION OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY
(ERP), A MARXIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION OF TROTSKYIST BACKGROUND,
CLAIMED THAT THE MONTONEROS AND THE ERP ARE COORDINATING THEIR
TERRORIST OPERATIONS. ANOTHER MEMBER OF A FORMER ERP FACTION SAID
AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO HAVE THE MONTONEROS PROTEST DR.
KISSINGER'S VISIT, WHILE THE ERP WAS GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO
UNDERTAKE TERRORIST ACTION TO PROTEST THE SCHEDULED VISIT OF
CHILEAN PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET TO ARGENTINA ON CHILE
18 APRIL. [REDACTED] EO25x1
THE "CHE" GUEVARA FACTION OF
THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERATION (FAL-CHE), [REDACTED] IS
PLANNING, WITH OTHER LEFTIST GROUPS, TO STAGE A SERIES OF DEMON-
STRATIONS TO REPUDIATE DR. KISSINGER'S PRESENCE IN ARGENTINA, [REDACTED] EO25x1
[REDACTED] NO [REDACTED] SUCH PLANNING INCLUDED EFFORTS TO UNDERTAKE
DIRECT ACTS AGAINST U.S. PERSONNEL. END SUMMARY.

THE MONTONEROS ARE PLANNING TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF TERRORISM AND
ORGANIZE OTHER DISTURBANCES TO PROTEST THE VISIT OF DR. HENRY

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KISSINGER TO ARGENTINA. [REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS ARE ALSO
CONSIDERING PLANS TO UNDERTAKE TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST U.S.
BUSINESS INTERESTS AND U.S. CITIZENS IN ARGENTINA PRIOR TO
THE ARRIVAL OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE IN AN ATTEMPT TO
FORCE THE CANCELLATION OF HIS VISIT. [REDACTED]

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THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ERP AND THE MONTONEROS ARE VERY CORDIAL
AND [REDACTED] THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SET UP A COORDINATING
COMMITTEE TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF TERRORIST OPERATIONS AND TO
WORK OUT TARGET PRIORITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS. [REDACTED] COMMENT:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE
WAS FORMED BY HIGH-LEVEL MEMBERS OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.)

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[REDACTED] THE ERP AND THE MONTONEROS DEALING
WITH JOINT PLANS TO PROTEST THE VISITS TO ARGENTINA OF DR.
KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET OF CHILE. [REDACTED] EO25x1

[REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS WERE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR
TERRORIST ACTION TO PROTEST THE SCHEDULED VISIT OF DR. KISSINGER,
WHILE THE ERP WAS TO HANDLE THE PROTESTS RELATING TO PINOCHET.

[REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS HAD
ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASS-
INATE KISSINGER, BUT THIS WAS DISCARDED AS BEING COUNTERPRODUC-
TIVE. THE MONTONEROS EVENTUALLY DECIDED UPON EFFORTS TO MAKE
DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA AS EMBARRASSING TO HIM AS
POSSIBLE, [REDACTED] EO25x1

EO25x1 [REDACTED] COMMENT: GENERAL PINOCHET IS
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN ARGENTINA ON 18 APRIL. HE IS TO MEET

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WITH ARGENTINE PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELAZA MARTINEZ DE
XPERON IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA, AT THE TOURIST RESORT OF SAN
CARLOS DE BARILOCHE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FAL-CHE, A MINOR MARXIST

TERRORIST GROUP IN ARGENTINA, [REDACTED] IS
E025x1 ACTIVELY PLANNING A SERIES OF MINOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND TERRORIST
ACTS TO PROTEST THE ARRIVAL OF DR. KISSINGER TO ARGENTINA. [REDACTED] E025x1

[REDACTED] THIS ACTION IS DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS THE U.S.

SECRETARY OF STATE AND POSSIBLY DISRUPT HIS VISIT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FAL-CHE WOULD BE WORKING WITH OTHER LEFTIST GROUPS IN
ORGANIZING THE DEMONSTRATIONS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

E025x1 [REDACTED] NO REFERENCE TO ANY CONTEMPLATED ACTS AGAINST U.S.
PERSONNEL IN ARGENTINA IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER.)

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MILITARY TACTICS AND STRATEGY

THE MONTONEROS

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THE MONTONEROS, DEFINED

AS A COMPOSITE OF

POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES, IN WHICH MARXISM IS NOT THE DOMINANT PHILOSOPHY
AT THE LEADERSHIP LEVEL:

THE MONTONEROS HAVE A STRONG
NATIONALIST, CATHOLIC BACKGROUND AND THAT MODERATE SECTORS, I.E., NON-
MARXIST, HAVE AN INPUT INTO BOTH TACTICAL AND OVERALL STRATEGIC DECISIONS
WITHIN THE MECHANISM OF COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP UNDER WHICH THE MONTONEROS

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THE MONTONEROS FULLY

I BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA WILL COLLAPSE OR WILL

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BE OUSTED FROM POWER, UNLESS PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON UNDERTAKES A NUMBER OF PROFOUND POLITICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO COORESPOND TO THE NEW REALITIES OF THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] THERE ARE ONLY TWO TRUE POWER FORCES IN THE COUNTRY AT PRESENT--THE ARMED FORCES AND THE ORTHODOX LABOR MOVEMENT. IF THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE, THE MONTONEROS BELIEVE THAT THE ARMED FORCES WILL BE FORCED TO MOVE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT. THE MONTONEROS ARE NOW TRYING TO UNITE THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF THE POLITICAL LEFT IN THE COUNTRY, UTILIZING WHAT THEY CALL THE TACTIC OF ALLIANCE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPING POLITICAL CRISIS. THEY BELIEVE THAT IF THE MONTONEROS CAN BECOME THE SPOKESMEN FOR THE POLITICAL LEFT IN ARGENTINA, EXCLUDING OF COURSE THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE TO TURN TO THEM FOR SUPPORT AS A DEFENSIVE MEASURE AGAINST THE ARMED FORCES AND AS A MEANS TO SAVE HER GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS ARE IN CONTACT WITH CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE PERONIST GOVERNMENT AND THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE WITH THE GOVERNMENT UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, PROVIDED OF COURSE THAT THEY COULD OBTAIN ADEQUATE POLITICAL BENEFITS.

3. REGARDING THE MILITARY CAPABILITY OF THE MONTONEROS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THEY HAVE ABOUT 3,000 ARMED AND TRAINED COMBATANTS, WHICH IS ROUGHLY THREE TIMES THE ARMED STRENGTH OF

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THE ERP. [REDACTED] MILITARY OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN RELEGATED TO A SUPPORTING ROLE VIS-A-VIS POLITICAL OBJECTIVES, I.E., ALL MILITARY OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ASSASSINATIONS, ARE ONLY APPROVED IF THEY CAN ADVANCE TACTICAL OR STRATEGIC POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. FOR EXAMPLE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF U.S. CONSULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK E G A N, FOLLOWING HIS ABDUCTION ON 26 FEBRUARY 1975, HAD BEEN DESIGNED FOR A SPECIFIC POLITICAL OBJECTIVE AND DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE MONTONEROS HAD BEGUN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATS IN ARGENTINA. [REDACTED]

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AMONG THOSE CONSIDERED FOR THE OPERATION.

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[REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS ARE FOLLOWING A TWO-PRONGED, POLITICAL AND MILITARY STRATEGY IN THEIR QUEST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POWER IN ARGENTINA. WHILE THEY MAY BELIEVE IN THE INEVITABILITY OF ARMED STRUGGLE, THEY WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT A POLITICAL SOLUTION, IF SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY WERE PRESENTED TO THEM. [REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS WOULD HAVE LITTLE QUALMS OVER POSSIBLE FUTURE TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA, IF THEY BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULD OBTAIN A SUFFICIENT POLITICAL OR TACTICAL OBJECTIVE THROUGH SUCH ACTION.)

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